

PATENT APPLICATION

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Title: "THIN-WALLED PLASTICS)
BOTTLE, CLOSURE AND)
BOTTLING PROCESS")

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U.S. Patent No. 5,779,088 claims the same priority as EP 0 755 871 A1, which is in German, was previously identified in the Information Disclosure Statement that was submitted to the Office on November 22, 2000, and was acknowledged by the examiner in the Office Action dated August 14, 2002.

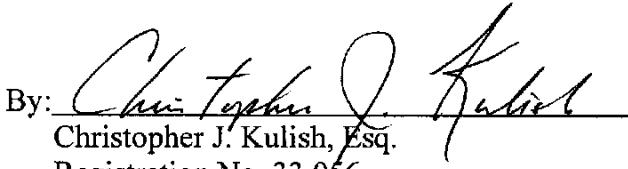
Canadian published Patent Application No. 2,176,921 claims priority to DE 43 40 553 A1, which is in German, was previously identified in the Information Disclosure Statement that

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